# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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COCO OUTLETS OF BPCL
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) outlets of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) are functioning in Delhi as on date;

(b) the Government's policy to allot COCO outlets to pending Letter of Intent (LOI) holders ;

(c) the details of pending LOI holders of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in Defence and other categories for commissioning of retail outlet in Delhi;

(a)whether all these retail outlets are required to be commissioned under Corpus Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, the plan of the company to hand over these outlets?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has six (6) permanent Company-Owned-Company -Operated (COCO) retail outlets (ROs) functioning in Delhi.

(b): The Ministry has advised public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) to formulate their own guidelines for handing over of temporary COCOs, subject to suitability, to pending Letter of Intent (LOI) holders under special scheme

(Operation Vijay-Kargil), Discretionary Quota Scheme, Corpus Fund Scheme

(SCs/STs/widows and women above 40 years without earning parents) and other categories as prescribed in the Marketing Plan, in that order. In case no suitable LOI holders under these categories are available, then these dealerships are to be advertised for selection of dealers under normal selection process involving advertisement and interviews of all eligible candidates. Permanent COCO ROs are to be operated permanently by OMC themselves and hence they are not to be offered to any pending LOI holder.

(c)& (d): BPCL has 15 cases of pending LOI holders for ROs under various categories, which are pending for commissioning in Delhi and out of the above, six

(6) ROs are to be commissioned under Corpus Fund Scheme. The details are annexed.

(e): BPCL intends to operate the six (6) COCO ROs in Delhi on a permanent basis and hence the Corporation has no plan to hand over them to any pending LOI holder.